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- 1. POLITICAL OFFICER MET WITH ANGOLAN AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM AND EC DE ALMEIDA AT 1700L AND DELIVERED MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY ABOUT WELFARE OF HOSTAGES REPORTEDLY TAKEN BY KATANGANS. DE ALMEIDA SAID HE WOULD TRANSMIT MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT NETO IMMEDIATELY AND LET US KNOW THE MOMENT HE RECEIVES A REPLY.
- 2. DE ALMEIDA REPEATED WHAT HE HAD TOLD AMBASSADOR CHAMBERS EARLIER: THAT THERE IS NO ANGOLAN OR CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN HAPPENINGS IN KATANGA, WHICH HE CHARACTERIZED AS AN INTERNAL ZAIRIAN AFFAIR. HE SAID THAT CUBANS IN ANGOLA WERE THERE AT THE INVITATION OF THE ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT AND WERE INVITED AT A TIME WHEN NEITHER WESTERN NOR AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS WOULD RESPOND SECRET

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TO ANGOLAN APPEALS FOR HELP AGAINST THE SOUTH AFRICAN INVASION. "WHEN YOU ARE IN THE WELL," HE SAID, "YOU DO NOT ASK WHOSE HAND IT IS THAT OFFERS TO PULL YOU OUT." CHAMBERS

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